

MINUTES OF THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING

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The Williamson County Highway Commission met on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Williamson County Administrative Complex. Commission members present were: County Mayor and Highway Commission Chair Rogers Anderson; Commissioners Charlie Bennett, Dick Fowlkes, Renis Baker, and Stan Tyson.

Also, present were: Highway Superintendent Eddie Hood; Houston Naron, Jr., County Commission Chair; Jack Walton, 8th District County Commissioner; David Coleman, Budget Director; Mike Matteson and Ann Haines, Planning Department; Floyd Heflin and William Andrews, Engineering Department; Elaine Vasquez, Greg Boll, and Ray Campbell, Highway Department; Purchasing Agent Leslie Mitchell; County Attorneys Jeff Moseley and Bobby Cook, Buerger, Moseley and Carson; Chad Collier and Randy Carroll, Collier Engineering; Perry Perritt and Judy Ladd, IT Department; Bill Jorgensen, Emergency Communications Director; and other interested and concerned individuals.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m. and asked for approval of the March 7, 2007 Highway Commission minutes. Commissioner Tyson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Special Announcements: There were none.

Citizens Communications: There were none.

Elections and Appointments: There were none.

OLD BUSINESS:

Highway Department New Facility Update. Mr. Boll stated that the contract for the new property had closed and they have met with the architects to discuss the initial requirements for the facility. The design phase will take two to three months and the construction phase will take approximately 18 months, he concluded.

Chair Anderson asked Supt. Hood to give an update on the Natchez Trace Parkway road construction. Supt. Hood stated that the Highway Commission had voted last year on the project and that they had started last Monday placing the silt fence on the property. Mr. Alan Chrisman is working with Civil Engineers and the equipment has been moved to the site. The trees should start being removed today, Supt. Hood stated. Inmate labor is not allowed, Supt. Hood explained, so Parks & Recreation Department staff is providing additional manpower for this project. Mr. Coleman gave a brief history of the project. Chair Anderson concluded by stating that a passive nature park would be on site eventually.

Current status of roadway design on Murray Lane into Old Towne by Ryan Workman/Alley & Associates. Chair Anderson stated that this item will be deferred until May due to paperwork issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW SIGNAL HEAD AT THE INTERSECTION OF HILLSBORO ROAD & SNEED ROAD. Commissioner Walton stated that he had been working with the property owners regarding 200 acres of land north of Hunterwood subdivision on the east side of Hillsboro Road about building a residence. TDOT has given their permission for an additional signal head at the intersection of Hillsboro and Sneed Roads. Commissioner Walton stated that he believed a single residence at the location would be better than 200 residences which could be another scenario. If the project doesn't happen, the resolution will be void, he stated. Lastly, Commissioner Walton stated that the potential new resident will pay for the costs associated with the signal change.

Mr. Madison Smith, an architect from San Antonio, Texas, stated that he was representing the potential buyer of the property.

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Commissioner Fowlkes stated that he did not have a problem making the light a four-way instead of a three-way.

Commissioner Tyson asked if the light would be on a sensor for changing.

Mr. Bob Murphy, RPM Transportation, stated that the design hasn't been completed as yet, but, he would anticipate a detector on approach. Mr. Murphy explained that the detector would delay for ten seconds and he would work with TDOT and the County Engineer to come up with an efficient design. He stated that it would probably be set so a gap in traffic would be detected on Hillsboro Road before changing.

Commissioner Tyson asked if the 200 water taps would be voided if the single resident purchases the property.

Commissioner Walton stated that he didn't know because the City of Franklin issued them.

Chair Anderson stated that the water was not the problem, but that sewage would be the problem for 200 homes because there are no taps available at Cartwright Creek so an alternative system would have to be used; however, water and sewage are not issues for the Highway Commission to address.

There was discussion of whether the money would be reimbursed or donated to pay for the new signal head. Mr. Cook explained that this was not determined yet, but that the resolution was contingent upon the money coming up front or after complete reimbursement of the installation cost and would serve only one residence.

Supt. Hood stated he didn't have a problem with it as long as the buyer pays for the costs associated with the signal head addition.

There was discussion about the need for turn lanes and Mr. Murphy stated that he would be working with TDOT and the County to identify turn lanes and would eventually obtain a permit from the State.

Commissioner Fowlkes moved to recommend approval of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Tyson. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

Request to change name on portion of Alex Road. Mr. Perritt explained that in 1989 when addresses were assigned to this road, there were three houses on the right fork and one house on the left fork. Since that time, he continued, three or four more houses have been added and the road has subsequently been extended. Originally, the left fork was assigned odd numbers and the right fork was assigned even numbers, he stated. With more new houses being permitted, there is now an issue with 911 service and the two parts of the road since the house numbers have run out. Mr. Perritt stated he didn't feel the road should not have been set up this way to begin with. Mr. Perritt requested that Alex Road be changed so that the right fork is Alex Lane and the left fork is Alex Court. The residents are not all in agreement with the name changes, Mr. Perritt stated, and while they were all notified of this meeting, none are in attendance.

Supt. Hood asked why Alex Road was being changed to Alex Lane.

Mr. Perritt explained that it seemed fairer to change both forks so there would be a change on both sides for equality. Further, he stated that now the suffixes on roads of 1500 feet or less are now being called a "lane."

After further discussion, Commissioner Baker moved to leave the right fork of the road as Alex Road and change the left fork to Alex Court, seconded by Commissioner Fowlkes.

Chair Anderson asked Mr. Jorgensen if this would satisfy the E911 services. Mr. Jorgensen stated that it would.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

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Bid Results. Mrs. Mitchell stated that two bids had been received for a water tank for the Highway Department (Attachment A) and the low bid of \$37,499.00 from Nichols Fleet Equipment was being recommended as the other one did not meet the bid specifications.

There was discussion about the new water tank and that it will only have to be filled once a day and could also be used for grassy slopes during dry periods of time.

Commissioner Tyson moved to recommend the low bid from Nichols Fleet, seconded by Commissioner Bennett. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

District Reports: There were no district reports. Commissioner Tyson reminded everyone that there would be a Special Roads Study Committee meeting on April 11, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. In addition, Commissioner Tyson stated that due to several recent references to AASHTO guidelines, he would like an explanation of AASHTO read into the minutes. Mr. Boll read "Understanding of AASHTO Guidelines" to the Commission (Attachment B).

Superintendent Report: Supt. Hood referenced the March 2007 Activity Report and the current paving and bush hogging schedule. In addition, he referenced several future projects including Gray Lane, Cross Keys and Southall Road.

Chairman's Report: The chair stated that Ethics Reform Legislation would be on next month's agenda which is a new policy for all County boards which will be effective on July 1, 2007.

Legal Issues: At this time the Highway Commission recessed to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

The meeting reconvened with a brief discussion of Highway Commissioner compensation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 a.m., upon duly made motion and second, as there was no further business.

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Rogers C. Anderson
Chairman and County Mayor